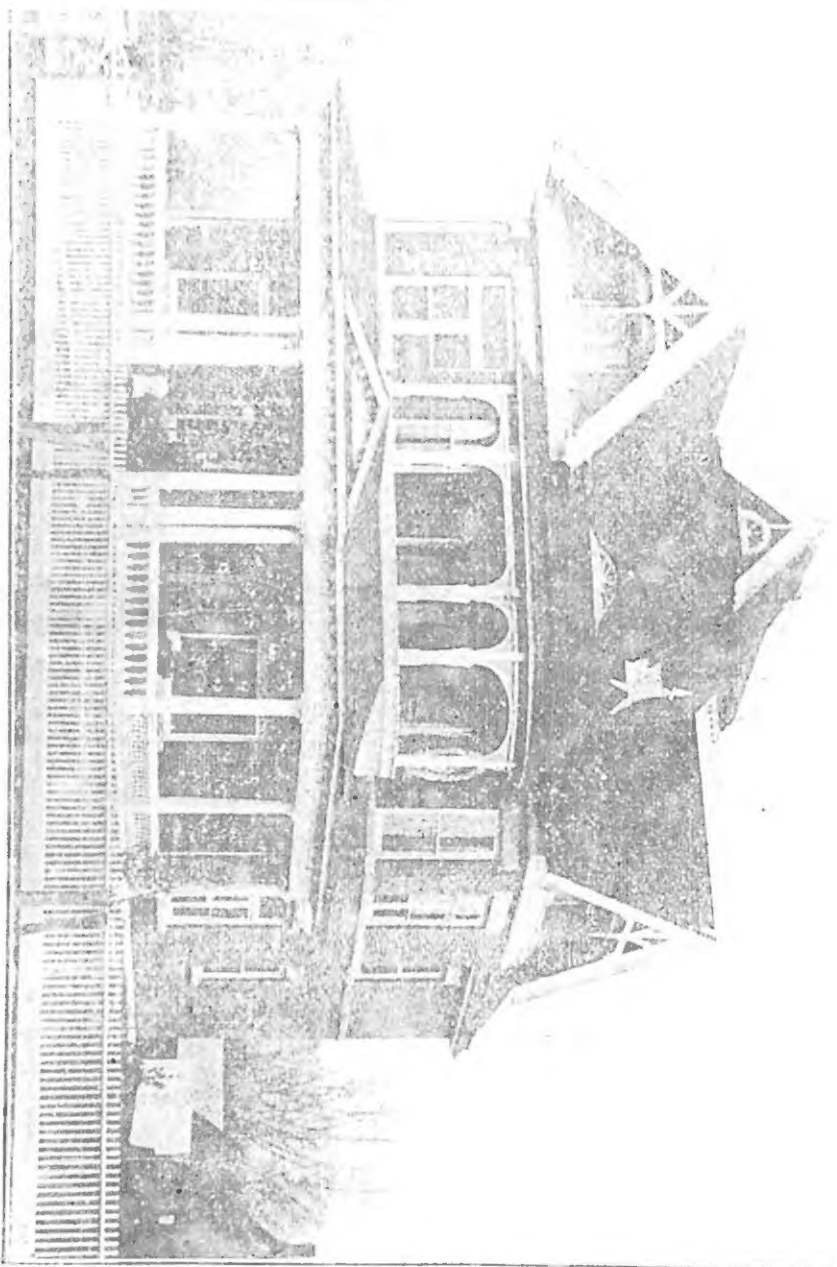


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Wasatch County officials of 1961. Front row, left to right: Wayne C. Whiting, county clerk and recorder; Guy E. Coleman, chairman of the county commission; William J. Bond, county commissioner; Walter Montgomery, county commissioner; Second row: Bond, county commissioner; Mary Chipman, deputy clerk; June Wheeler, treasurer; Shirley Guy Duke, assessor; Mary Chipman, deputy clerk; Eitel Giles, secretary to the county agent; Mary Bacon, home demonstration agent; Back Row, Paul Daniels, county agricultural agent; Floyd Witt, sheriff; Jerry Smith, deputy sheriff; A. D. Buys, justice of the peace of the Heber precinct; Albin Hansen, custodian of the court house and grounds. Richard L. Maxfield, county attorney.

establish herd ground on public domain and requests from citizens for protection from the influx of excessive livestock from other counties.

There were also the legal problems related to justice and the suppression of crime. Business licenses and franchise also had to be granted, and liquor control had to be enforced. For a period, also, the selectmen had responsibilities for directing the school precincts and the superintendent.

Statehood in 1896 brought a full county commission organization, with John Clyde, Isaac O. Wall and Wilford Van Wagoner selected as the first commissioners.

Salaries for those first selected included \$100 a year for commissioners; \$650 per year for the sheriff; \$500 per year for the clerk, with the recorder receiving \$200 per year, the surveyor \$100 per year and the county superintendent of schools \$360 per year.

Those who have served as commissioners through the years have included the following: 1897, Wilford Van Wagoner, Thomas Clotworthy, William Daybell. 1899, Thomas Clotworthy, Isaac O. Wall and Richard Jones. 1901, Henry Clift, A. M. Murdock, Henry T. Coleman, 1903, John E. Austin, F. A. Fraughton, Henry T. Coleman. 1905, John E. Austin, F. A. Fraughton, Jacob Probst. 1907, Jacob Probst, E. J.

ard Jones Sr., Joseph Moulton, Robert and William Lindsay, William Rasband and Richard Jones Jr.

Willard Carroll, president of the group in 1877, noted that Church President Brigham Young had directed the formation throughout the Church of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, and moved that this group become part of this new Church organization. The membership voted unanimously in favor of the merger and the literary society continued its activities through the mutual program.

On December 6, 1895 the Shakespearian Club of Heber was formed with a membership of 26, an honor roll of three and a life-member list of four. The club, which continues today, is the second oldest club for women in Utah. It was organized as an educational and social unit and operates today under the same constitution and by-laws which its founders established.

Mary Willis was chosen as the first president with Lovisa Alexander, vice president and Eliza J. Rasband secretary and treasurer.

In 1898 the club became affiliated with the Utah Federated Clubs for Women, and Mrs. Emma Hatch Wheritt later served as district president of this state federation.

Charter members of the club included Eliza J. Rasband, Mary Willis, Sophia Luke, Minnie A. Cummings, Eva McDonald, Ruth Hatch, Mary Ann Fisher, Mary Glandville, Fedelia Luke, Lovisa Alexander, Fannie Clyde, Sarah Clotworthy, Elizabeth McDonald, Lillian Southworth, Teenie Smithie, Emily Aird, Alice R. Jones and Jane Hatch.

A lodge of the American Order of United Workmen was organized in Heber in the 1890's and included many of the prominent residents. The organization was an insurance lodge which extended through Wyoming, Montana, Idaho and Utah. If a member traveled through another part of the country and needed assistance he could always call on members of the lodge who were pledged to give aid when needed. Wives of the members had an auxiliary organization known as the Degree of Honor.

Members in Heber included Henry M. Aird, John W. Aird, John E. Austin, William Buys, Edward Buys, George Barzee, William Baxter, William Edward Buys, C. H. Bishop, Joseph Campbell, Henry Cluff, J. M. (Dick) Duke, David Fisher, Andrew Fisher, Charles H. Giles, Daniel Griffith, J. D. Harris, G. S. Hayes, James Lindsay, Andrew Lindsay, W. M. Murdock, Thomas Parry, Archie Sellers, Sr., John Southworth, John A. Simpson, Harry A. Sharp, John Turner, Thomas S. Watson, T. H. Watson, Harry F. Watson, William S. Wills, William Wheable, Thomas Wilson, C. H. West, Dr. W. R. Wheritt and William Bowman.

A chapter of the Business and Professional Women's Club was organized in Heber on April 19, 1924 with a large roster of members.

Clara Clawson, membership chairman of the club for Utah, organized

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Came to Utah Aug. 20, 1868, Joseph S.
Rawlins Company, High Priest, Block
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HERBER CHARLES AUSTIN

Son of John Austin and Emma Grace.
Born Dec. 20, 1865, Stueharm, Bedford-
shire, Eng. Bishop of Lincoln Ward;
President Blinnham Stake, Iowa, Idaho.



GEORGE O. AUSTIN

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Born Jan. 18, 1849, in England. Came
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man Company, High Councilor.

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MARK AUSTIN

Son of John Austin and Emma Grace.
Born Oct. 3, 1864, Stueharm, Bedfordshire,
Eng. Bishop of Sugar City Ward, Idaho.
President Fremont Stake.



ANDREW M. AUSTIN

Son of George O. Austin and Elizabeth
MacFarland. Born March 8, 1873, at Salt
Lake City. General Manager Austin &
Sons Live Stock Company.

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THOMAS H. AUSTIN

Son of John Austin and Emma Grace.
Born Dec. 27, 1866, in England. Came to
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Company, Cattle and Sheepraiser.

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Born Dec. 17, 1896, in Huntington, Emery County, Utah, to John and Emily Matilda Braithwaite Walker. Married Vernon Edward Baird, Sept. 10, 1920, in Provo. He died Feb. 24, 1955.

Mother: Bernard Clyde Huffman, Sept. 20, 1953. Relief Society visiting teacher, LDS Church.

Survivors: husband, Kimberly, Idaho; daughters, Mrs. Garn (Jeanette) "Jan" Lloyd, Springville; Mrs. Grant (Audrey) Lindsay, Pleasant Grove; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Curtis (Blanche) Muir, Center Creek, Utah; Mrs. Roy (Lizzie) Murdock, Chino, Calif.

Funeral services, Saturday, 2:00 p.m., Oglethorpe Mortuary, Heber City, where friends may call Friday, 7-8 p.m., and Saturday, prior to services. Burial, Heber City Cemetery.

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WILLIAM BAIRD

William Baird, second son of John and Elizabeth Marshall Baird, was born November 3, 1849 in Rutherglen, Lanarkshire, Scotland and moved with his parents at the age of six to Greenock. There he attended school and worked in a tailor shop for four years. Because of low wages he pawned his watch to get funds for a trip to Glasgow where he found employment for 14 shillings or about \$3.50 a week. He was working here when his parents contacted him that they were sailing to America to be with the Saints in Utah. He met them in Liverpool, and they sailed to Castle Garden, N. Y., and because of food rationing, were hungry all the way. William and his brother Robert came across the plains in separate companies from their parents, as they obtained employment driving teams and wagons. They met their families in the old Tithing Yard in Salt Lake, thinking they had been killed on the plains.

On February 5, 1880, William married Janet Murdoch, who had been born Oct. 18, 1855. They were the parents of nine children: John, born March 15, 1881; Jessie Lennox, born Aug. 15, 1882; William Murdoch, born Oct. 6, 1884; Elizabeth Marshall, born March 25, 1887; Ernest Wallace, born April 17, 1889; James Alexander, born Feb. 26, 1891; David, born Dec. 23, 1892; Bruce, born April 6, 1896 and Margaret born Sept. 20, 1898 and died a month later.

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BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS

Janet died Sept. 23, 1898 after giving birth to her last child. William later married IsaBelle Snedden, and to them was born one child: Thomas Snedden, on Nov. 8, 1903.

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William died in Carey, Idaho, on June 28, 1946.